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Dr. J. E. Tull House
Upper Fairmount
Private

c. 1864-1870

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Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Dr. J. E. Tull House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number South side of Maryland 361(Fairmount-Rumbley Road) __not for publication

city, town Upper Fairmount __vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Ernest Strauss

street & number P.O. Box 185 telephone no.:

city, town Upper Fairmount state and zip code Maryland

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset Clerk of Court liber I.T.P. 226

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio 676

city, town Princess Anne state Maryland 21853

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date __federal __state __county __local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. S-150

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Dr. Tull House is located at the western edge of Upper Fairmount on the south side of MD 361. Facing northwest, the main roof axis runs in a southwest/northeast direction.

The c. 1864-1870 three-story three-bay center hall frame block is supported by a minimal brick foundation and covered by a medium sloped hip roof. Paneled pilasters frame the house, and brackets trim the eaves. A heavily molded center double door is flanked by three-light sidelights and topped by a six-light transom. Located to either side are paired 4/4 sash windows. The second floor is lighted by two pairs of 4/4 sash to either side of a center 6/6 sash window. In addition, the center sash is flanked by narrow sidelights. The third floor is pierced by paired two-pane windows. The center window is also flanked by additional narrow sidelights.

Both the first and second floor of each end are pierced by paired 4/4 sash and the third floor has the same small window.

The rear elevation of the main house is largely covered by a two-story one-room plan service wing with single-story shed additions. A brick chimney rises out of the gable end. Six over six sash windows pierce each side wall and the eaves are treated with a simple boxed cornice.

Extending further is a shorter two-story addition attached at a later date.

Inside, the house is finished with c. 1850-1875 (third quarter of the 19th century) woodwork. A heavily turned newel post and turned balusters support an oval-profiled hand rail which curves to the third floor. Mantels, baseboards and doors follow standard 19th-century forms.

Behind the house stand several significant outbuildings including a frame dairy, a combination workshop and privy, a smokehouse, a corn crib and a wagon house.

The dairy is a pyramidal roofed frame structure covered with weatherboards and trimmed with paneled pilasters. The northeast wall contains the entrance, while the remaining walls have a four-pane window. The interior is plastered, but exposed sections of sawn lath fastened with mature cut nails are evident. The shelves have been removed but a few bracket supports survive.

Standing directly behind the service wing is a long narrow frame outbuilding with a combined purpose as a workshop and privy. A simple wood shingled gable roof covers the rectangular frame structure. A four-panel door with adjacent six-pane window lights the centrally located privy. To the left of the privy entrance is a board door that opens into the largest room apparently used at one point as a shop. To the right of the privy is a smaller room presently used as storage. The rear wall of this structure has a blocked window as well as a small clean-out area under the privy seats which used to be covered by a hinged flap door.

Standing behind the workshop/privy is a small frame smokehouse on brick piers and covered with a simple gabled roof with boxed cornice. At a later date windows were cut through to convert the building to a small playhouse. The roof system is exposed and appropriately black.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

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The corn crib is a rectangular mortise and tenon frame structure which stands on brick piers.

Lastly, a turn-of-the-20th-century board and batten frame wagon house stands by itself behind the house.

CHAIN OF TITLE

Dr. J. E. Tull House
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I.T.P. 266/676

Charles M. Noble
Kathryn S. Noble

7/21/1972

to

Ernest Strauss
Patricia Strauss

E. Dale Atkins, Assignee

to

Charles M. Noble

Chancery Case No. 8520 - Foreclosure of Mortgage -
by deed dated 12/29/1967 I.T.P. 243/18

I.T.P. 228/201

Charles M. Noble
Kathryn S. Noble

7/7/1965

to

John H. VanBenthuyzen
Barbara M. VanBenthuyzen

Reservation of a cemetery lot in a deed from
Edward E. Tull to W. Ernest Cox (S.F.D. 48/408)
3/13/1908 - 7.96 acres -

B.L.B.

Federal Land Bank of Baltimore

121/347

to

11/18/1941

Kathryn S. Noble

\$1,500.00 7.96 A

J.M.T.

Federal Farm Mortgage Corp.

115/257

to

7/1/1938

Federal Land Bank

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J.M.T.

Edgar A. Jones, Assignee

115/54

to

5/28/1938

Federal Farm Mortgage Corp.

Several tracts - Equity Case
Edgar A. Jones, ex parte under power in
mortgage from W. Ernest Cox and Effie K. Cox
to the Land Bank Commissioner - being case
5006-survey made by Samuel F. Miles 1/29/1934
recorded J.M.T. 107/131

S.F.D.

Edward E. Tull

48/408

to

3/13/1908

W. Ernest Cox

5 acres

Will of Dr. J. E. Tull
to wife Lizzie L. Tull
son Edward E. and daughter Willie B. S. Tull

LW 8/379

Robert H. Jones

to

4/16/1864

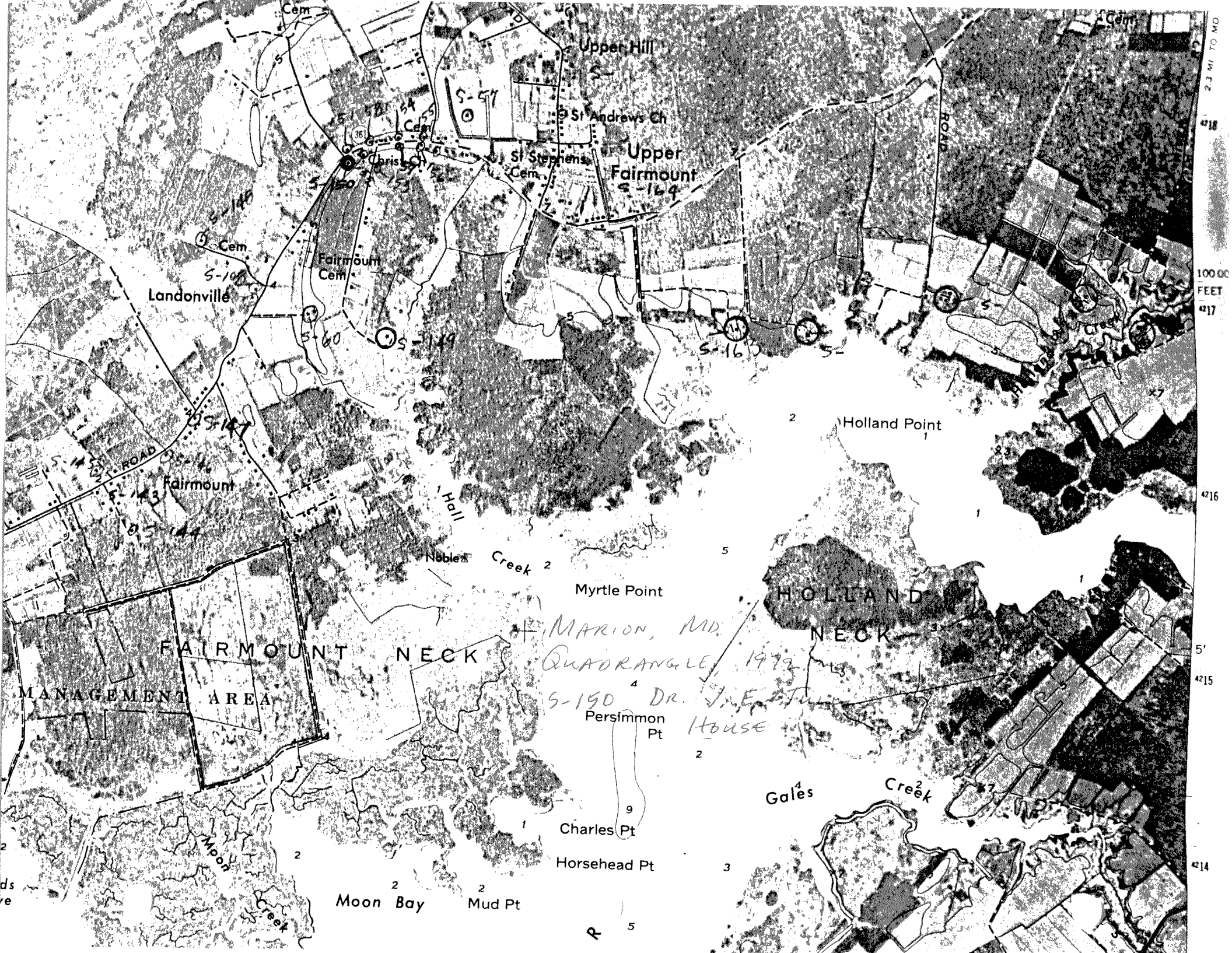
Dr. J. E. Tull

"Hall's Adventure" - situated on both sides of the
County Road leading from Jamestown to Jericho and
in the Potato Neck Election District - deed mentions
that the 6 5/8 acre lot is next to the Methodist
Epis. Parsonage - also granary of M.E. Parsonage
\$596.00

Thomas E. Ballard
William Cottman

to

Robert Jones "Hall's Adventure"
54 5/8 A.





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Northeast Elevation

11/83 Paul Touart

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North Elevation
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Clean-out for Privy
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Outbuilding-South Elevation
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Outbuildings, South Elevation
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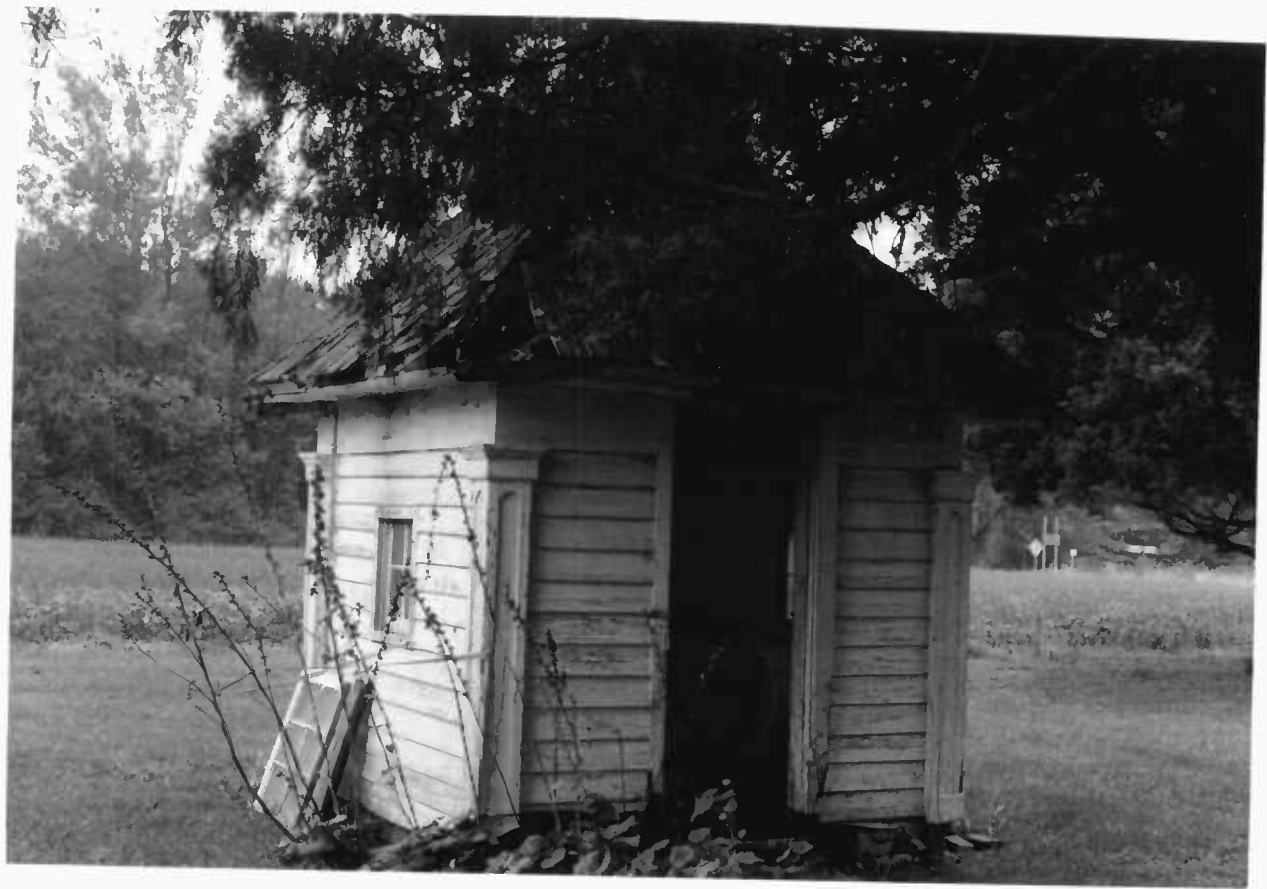
Wagon House

North Elevation

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Dairy-East Elevation
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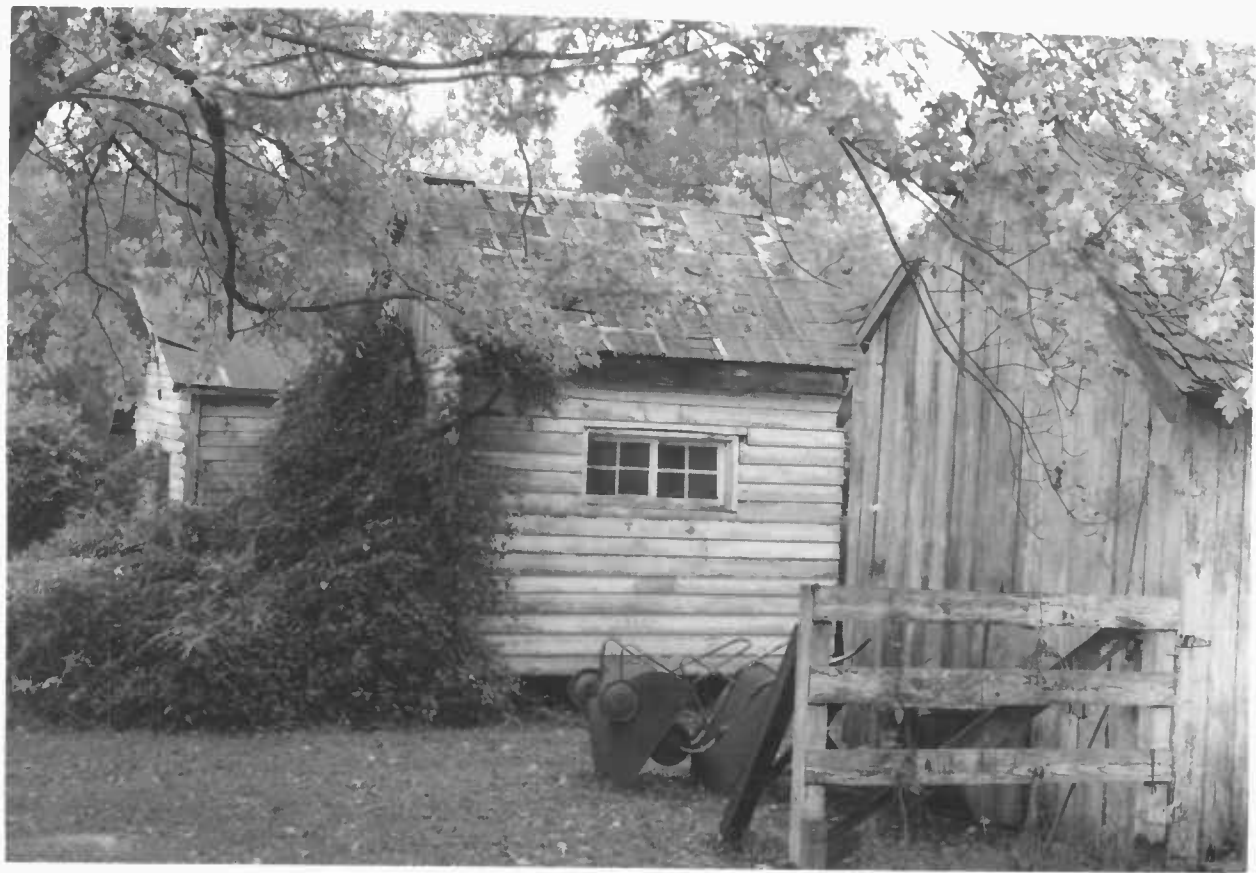
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Outbuilding-North Elevation
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Tull Family Cemetery
Marker for Harriet J. Jones
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Grave Marker

Upper Fairmount, Somerset County

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